

REMARKS

The Examiner's recognition of Applicants' invention by the allowance of claims 16, 17, 19-23, and 25-31, and the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 10-12, 14 and 18 is gratefully acknowledged.

In response to an objection, claim 9 is made dependent upon claim 1. It is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over copending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/645,684.

Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any portion of any patent term based upon the present application that extends beyond any patent term based upon Serial No. 10/645,684. The Terminal Disclaimer renders moot the double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed.


Conclusion

Claim 10-12, 14 and 18 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that the base claim is now allowable. Accordingly, it is requested that the objection be withdrawn, and that all claims be allowed.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas D. Fekete", written over a horizontal line.

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